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FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, MINING ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION, MURRAY JACOBSON

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: OTRA, TGEN, ELAB, UR, US  
SUBJECT: MESA STUDY TEAM VISIT

REF: STATE 188707

1. EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMED COAL MINISTRY THAT M.E.S.A. STUDY TEAM WILL ARRIVE ON AUGUST 26 AND PLAN TO BE WITH MINISTRY BEGINNING AUGUST 29. MINISTRY HAS ASKED TEAM TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN MINES. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES IT WISH TO SEE SAFETY EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS LONGWALL MINING EQUIPMENT? (DIFFERENT MINES WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE TWO CASES, WE GATHER). CAN IT BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT ASPECTS/EQUIPMENT IN ADVANCING LONGWALL MINING ARE OF INTEREST? MINISTRY WOULD USE THIS INFORMATION TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE IN DONETSK AREA.

2. PLEASE PROVIDE FLIGHT ARRIVAL DATA AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. VISAS. TEAM SHOULD REQUEST VISAS FOR DONETSK AS WELL AS MOSCOW; MINISTRY'S VISA SUPPORT WILL MENTION BOTH LOCATIONS. PASSPORTS SHOULD BE CHECKED TO ENSURE THAT SOVIET VISA MENTIONS BOTH PLACES BECAUSE THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TIME TO HANDLE THIS IN MOSCOW BEFORE A MONDAY DEPARTURE FOR DONETSK.

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4. AIR TICKETS. FOR SIMILAR REASONS TEAM SHOULD ARRIVE WITH OPEN AIR TICKETS FOR MOSCOW TO DONETSK AND RETURN.

5. HOTEL. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED TWO SINGLES FOR NIGHTS OF AUGUST 26 THROUGH 28 INCLUSIVE AND FOR SEPTEMBER 2. WE ARE UNLIKELY TO KNOW WHICH HOTEL IT WILL BE UNTIL ABOUT FIVE DAYS

BEFORE ARRIVAL. HOW DOES TEAM PLAN TO PAY FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS  
IN MOSCOW AND DONETSK? WILL TEAM HAVE INTOURIST VOUCHERS OR  
WILL TEAM PAY BILLS IN PERSON? FYI, HOTELS SERVING FOREIGNERS  
GENERALLY ASK THAT PAYMENT BE MADE IN HARD CURRENCY. ARRANGEMENTS  
CAN SOMETIMES BE MADE THROUGH INTOURIST TO CHARGE ON  
AMERICAN EXPRESS. INTOURIST VOUCHERS ARE CONVENIENT, BUT  
PAYMENT IN CASH IS EASILY HANDLED AS LONG AS TEAM HAS WHATEVER  
CURRENCY--DOLLARS OR RUBLES--IS REQUESTED. TOON

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